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Letter dated 26 August 1996 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the United Arab Emirates wishes to register its objections to certain provisions of the Islamic Republic of Iran's Act on the Marine Areas of 1993, inasmuch as the provisions in question are inconsistent with international law and would impede navigation in the Gulf, including transit through the Strait of Hormuz.

The United Arab Emirates also declines to recognize any provisions of the above-mentioned Act that call into question its sovereignty over the three islands of Greater Tunb, Lesser Tunb and Abu Musa and their territorial waters.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda items 39, 76 and 81.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Mohammad J. SAMHAN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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